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The newsletter of the University of the Pacific Emeriti Society
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FALL EMERITI LUNCH, September 28, 2011 by Mike Sharp

The date and place for our fall emeriti luncheon has been set for Wednesday, September 28th in the Regents' Dining Room. As in the past, we will begin with a coffee hour at 10:00 where we can meet, renew acquaintances with colleagues and get caught up on news about the University. Our speaker this year is Giulio Ongaro, Dean of the Conservatory of Music. Dean Ongaro's topic is "El Sistema," Venezuela's visionary and highly successful music program for children. The Conservatory and the Stockton Symphony are planning to bring its educational benefits into Stockton schools this year with the program "Harmony Stockton." "El Sistema" has earned the enthusiastic support of music celebrities around the world, including that of Venezuela's most prominent figure on the international music scene, Gustavo Dudamel, the brilliant music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. You don't want to miss this talk!

The approximate schedule of events is as always: coffee from 10:00 to 11:00; featured speaker from 11:00 to 12:00; lunch from 12:00 to 1:00. We also will hear a few words from the Provost and current Chair of Academic Council after lunch.

We can also look forward to another excellent lunch from Bon Appetit for \$20 per person that covers coffee, lunch, and the service extras. Please make your reservation (spouses too are invited!) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, September 26.

You can send us a check or pay at the door. And, last but not least, help us keep the Emeriti Society finances in the black by adding a little extra to those checks! Please make checks out to the University of the Pacific and note Emeriti Society on the memo line.

EMERITI OFFICE RELOCATED TO THE NEW VERESHAGIN ALUMNI HOUSE by Neil Lark

The Emeriti Society's office has been relocated to the beautiful new Vereschagin Alumni House. The office is located on the second floor in a cubicle directly across from Judy Chamber's Office. Provost Pallavicini has generously provided us with a new computer and printer. The office is available for use by all emeriti. The Building is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

The Alumni House was dedicated on August 28th with a nice ceremony and reception for its benefactors, including the members of the Emeriti Society who contributed to the cost of the building. Emeriti are encouraged to donate to the Alumni House library any books they have written.

We are taking several steps to make contact between emeriti and alumni easier. Emeriti (as well as active faculty) are welcome to submit nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Faculty Mentor Awards of the Alumni Association. [Check at pacificalumni.org for details.] Emeriti who are not already receiving "What's Up Pacific?" may ask to be put on the email list for this alumni/campus newsletter.

Neil Lark now represents the Emeriti Society on the Faculty Relations Committee of the Alumni Association.

ALUMNI REUNION June 10-12, 2011 by Doris Meyer

Again as guests of the Alumni Association, some 30-plus emeriti and active faculty joined in the weekend festivities. What fun to see young families pushing their strollers around campus. How exciting to walk into the then nearly completed Vereschagin Alumni House for registration.

The Engineering Emeriti Faculty report that The Society of Women Engineers Breakfast was the hit of the weekend. The Breakfast was sold out.

The University Luncheon celebrated the University's 160 years. It was a great casual event held on Knoles Lawn. Picture an out-of-doors buffet under umbrella covered tables - with only a few short welcoming speeches.

And as before, the Saturday evening gourmet Food and Wine Tasting Festival was a "class act."

The Emeriti Society thanks the Pacific Alumni Association for including us in this summer's Reunion. We hope that our working relationship will travel across the miles to our alums.

BRIDGE TO ASIA May 9-July 6, 2011 by Roland di Franco

Again this year the Emeriti Society collected scholarly and teaching materials for donation to colleges and universities in Asia through the Bridge to Asia Foundation. The collection period coincided with faculty retirements and summer relocation of faculty offices. The drive resulted in the collection of 59 cartons of donated materials. There were a total of 10 donors. The Health Sciences Library from the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences made a significant donation. Donors who requested receipts for tax purposes received them from the Foundation.

Again Vice President Patrick Cavanaugh offered to have the University pay for storage at **mister space** just north of the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Vice President Cavanaugh also authorized University transportation of the collected materials from **mister space** to the collection point in Hayward. The Emeriti Society wishes to thank the donors, Vice President Cavanaugh, Provost Pallavicini, Scott Heaton, Director of Support Services, and his crews, and the Board Members who assisted in the collection of donations.

EMERITI SOCIETY HAS A NEW WEBMASTER

Walter Zimmermann is our new Webmaster. Here is his first report.

HAVE YOU RECENTLY VISITED THE EMERITI SOCIETY WEBSITE?

From the University home page (www.pacific.edu), click on the A to Z Directory and find Emeriti Society. The site gives you access to:

- The Oral History Collection
- A schedule of upcoming Meetings and Events

- A statement of Benefits for which emeriti are eligible
- Recent issues of the newsletter, of Cabbages and Kings
- The Constitution of the Society
- The members of the Executive Board, with e-mail addresses.

We would especially like to invite you to visit the Emeriti Society Oral History Collection. You will find transcripts of 34 informative and fascinating interviews of members of the University Community.

NEW TREASURER AND NEW BUDGET by Ed Pejack

Ed Pejack is our new Treasurer. Past treasurer Dale Dunmire turned over the books to Ed. The Emeriti Society started out fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to 2012) with a balance of \$2183. For this coming year, Provost Maria Palavicini has agreed to have her office support the Emeriti Society printing and mailing costs up to \$500. Thanks to Dale Dunmire for so many years of service to the Emeriti Society.

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS CONTINUE

Five new Oral History interviews have been scheduled for the following members of the University Community: Ken Beauchamp, David Fletcher, Paul Fairbrook, Lee Fennell, and Roy Whiteker. Nominations for Oral History Interviews should be sent to any member of the Executive Board.

REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL by Roland di Franco, Emeriti Academic Council Representative

The President Pamela Eibeck and Provost Maria Pallavicini are initiating a new strategic planning process to set Academic Goals and Objectives.

President Pam Eibeck will deliver her second annual Address to the Faculty on Wednesday, September 14, at 12:15 pm in Grace Covell Hall. Her speech will be webcast to Seminar Room 18 at the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and Room 103 at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. All Emeriti are invited and encouraged to attend. Emeriti are also invited to a reception at the President's home that evening, September 14, from 5-6:30 pm.

The President's speech will address the University's goals for the upcoming year, particularly the development of a new strategic plan. She will also take questions. Any faculty member who wishes may email questions, either in advance or during the talk, to president@pacific.edu.

The President's address will be followed by an all-faculty meeting in Grace Covell Hall from approximately 1-2 pm. The meeting will continue the discussion on the role of faculty in strategic planning, and provide an update on the new office for faculty leadership.

Kindly RSVP by September 8 to the President's talk and/or reception. RSVPs may be emailed to presidentrsvp@pacific.edu or 209.932.2850. It is extremely helpful to have a headcount, so please take a moment to let the President know whether you will be attending the address and/or reception.

Emeriti faculty are welcome to attend a University strategic planning symposium on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, in the DeRosa University Center's ballroom. President Eibeck will host a morning of thought-provoking discussions on the future of higher education and how Pacific can position itself to thrive in the coming decades. Featured speakers will include planning guru Donald Norris and author-provocateur Anya Kamenetz. The Saturday-morning session is intended to provide an introduction to issues and external factors that may influence the upcoming University planning process. The lectures will be carried on a live webcast for those wishing to view from home, and the video will be available for viewing afterwards on Pacific's website.

Dean Ravi Jain has announced his retirement as Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science effective July 31, 2012. The Provost is in the process of forming a search committee.

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE by Doris Meyer

In conversation with Karen Mendoza, our Human Resources contact person, we found out a few bits of information. Benefits for the academic year, 2011-12, have not yet been finalized. Alternative Plans to the present seem not to be of any advantage to either the University or to emeriti. Benefits emphasis seems to be swinging toward preventative measures----wellness, nutrition, fitness, emergency preparedness, etc.

On Sept. 16, the Red Cross will be conducting a workshop on emergency preparedness from 11:30 - 2pm in Grace Covell Hall. Lynn King, former Pacific Athletic Director, is setting up a fitness program for all University Faculty and staff. On Nov. 3, H.R. is presenting its University Benefits Fair in De Rosa Center from 11- 2pm. Earlier that morning, TIAA-CREF will be presenting a retirement seminar, preceded by a continental breakfast. Karen Mendoza is eager to hear your suggestions for topics that might be covered that morning----estate planning, wealth management, etc. Call Karen at H.R., 946 2124.

Lastly, our Emeriti Society Board needs a representative to the University Benefits Committee. The Committee meets several times per year. The Emeriti Representative is also a member of the Executive Board of the Emeriti Society which meets monthly. . So, please help us help all emeriti by contributing your interest to that University committee. Contact one of our Board members if you are interested. A special thanks to Bob Morrow for all his years of representing the Emeriti on the Compensation Committee.

OBITUARY FOR JAN TIMMONS April 10, 1931 – July 16, 2011 by Bob Hanyak

Jan Timmons passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, July 16, 2011, at age 80. Jan was born Barbara Joan Zellhoefer in Kansas City, Missouri on April 10, 1931. She was the only child of Karl and Ada Belle Zellhoefer. After graduation from Hudson High School in Hudson, Iowa, she attended the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she received a BA degree in English and Speech in 1951. She spent the next nine years teaching English and speech courses to junior and senior high school students in Waterloo, Iowa.

It was in Waterloo where she met the “love of her life,” Roy J. Timmons, on a blind date. On July 23, 1953, they were married in Westminster Presbyterian Church. Later Jan and Roy enrolled in the University of Kansas, where they both earned their MA and Ph.D. degrees. She remained a Jayhawk fan for life.

Jan began her university career teaching speech and education courses at Colorado State University. She and Roy moved to Stockton in 1970 when Roy joined the faculty at the University of the Pacific. Jan taught at San Joaquin Delta College before becoming a full-time Pacific faculty member in the Department of Communication in 1971. She was a well-respected teacher and administrator in the College of the Pacific. At her retirement in 2000, Jan was awarded the Order of Pacific, which is the highest honor conferred by the University of the Pacific.

Jan will be remembered by her colleagues and friends for her dry sense of humor, generosity, and her way with the written word. Many of her friends encouraged her to publish her writing. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Stockton.

A private interment service was held at the Stockton Mausoleum on Friday, July 29, 2011. A memorial service honoring Jan’s life will be held at First Congregational Church (3409 Brookside Road) on Friday, September 23, 2011 at 10:00 am followed by a luncheon.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Department of Communication at the University of the Pacific or to the building fund at First Congregational Church.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS by Maurie McCullen

Peg Langer reports that she was able to spend 33 days in Bay Head, N.J. (after undergoing chemotherapy in May-July and before starting radiation in late August). She flew back to Stockton on August 23, missing both the East Coast earthquake and Mean Irene. Her shoreline home in Bay Head suffered major damage: water seepage in the basement, missing siding pieces, damage to the front yard, and loss of 30 feet of dune. The deck on the dune was thrown back to the front porch, and there was sand everywhere. It could have been worse. (We hope that Peg’s health improves and applaud her luck in air travel.)

Bob Morrow is the Regional Manager for Bring Me A Book, a non-profit that provides high quality children’s books for preschool classrooms that serve low-income children and their families. In addition he has been working with Mayor Johnston in forming the “Mayor’s Book Club: Read to Me, Stockton!”, serves on several non-profit boards, and writes a column for The Record that focuses on education issues. (If this doesn’t win the Emeriti Service-Above and Beyond Award, I’ll eat Roland di Franco’s day planner.)

Ed Pejack continues to volunteer at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in their Interfaith Caregiver Program (SCIP). The program helps seniors and their families maintain quality of life while they remain in their home. (Good on ya, Ed.)

Mike Sharp gets our congratulations for having his essay “Vienna in the Fiction of Thomas Bernhard and Doron Rabinovici: A Study in Contrast” appear in TRANS, an Internet journal in June. It is a revised version of the paper he gave last November in Vienna. See it online at:

http://www.inst.at/trans/18nr/11-6/sharp_1_8.htm. (Vienna huh? We'll go with you next time. O.K.Mike?)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**RED CROSS WORKSHOP ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:
SEPTEMBER 16, 11:30-2:00 GRACE COVELL HALL**

FALL WINE AND CHEESE: TBA

**TIAA RETIREMENT SEMINAR: NOVEMBER 3, 9:00-11:00
DE ROSA CENTER**

**UNIVERSITY BENEFITS FAIR: NOVEMBER 3, 11:00-2:00
DE ROSA CENTER**

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